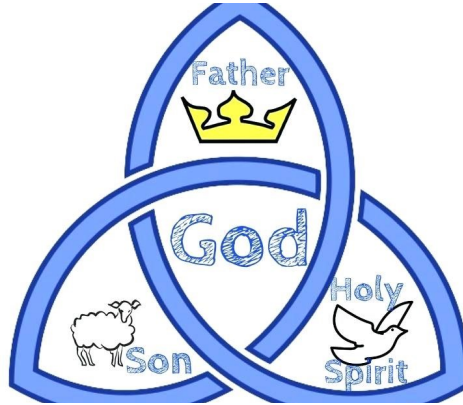


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
August 2023**



**Services at St. James' during
August 2023**

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline

1st Wednesday of the month

**7.00pm Still @ 7. An opportunity to explore contemplative
prayer/meditation within the Christian Tradition**



DIARY NOTES August 2023

Day/Date	Event
6th August 9th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
13th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament tba
20th August 11th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
27th August 12th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament tba

From Mary,

Mike and I have been to see the film *Oppenheimer*, the epic story of J Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist who is credited as the 'Father of the atomic bomb'. Over the past few weeks there has been much publicity for the film and it has been billed as being this summer's blockbuster. It must be said it was quite some film. However, I came away being quite unsure as to what I thought and at some level quite disturbed, perhaps that was one of the reactions that Christopher Nolan, the director, hoped to engender in its viewers.

Long ago my first degree was history, and part of that degree was military history. I was a child of the cold war, and at the age of 7 learned first hand what to do in the event of military attacks during the Cuban Missile crisis. Like many families of that time there were stories of both the first and second world wars. On reflection I know there were members of the family who might have had socialist if not communist leanings, I think that there was a hope of the creation of a Utopian world, a place of fairness and peace, where the underdogs of this world would no longer be underdogs.

In the *Oppenheimer* film you were aware of the many tensions that existed in that particular era, the need to end the war, the desire to find a new way of governance which would support all peoples of this world, the progress of science, the realisation that science applied can lead into areas that may not always be welcome, power and influence in politics, human relationships, the ethics of government and science.

So why am I disturbed? Being a portrayal of events in history, I don't think I am spoiling anything by saying that perhaps, and

only perhaps, the climax of the film is the testing of the first atomic bomb at Los Alamos, New Mexico and subsequently the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Moments in history that changed the world and its order. Changed the world!!! And I wonder about all the changes that we witness and experience in our own time frame. I wonder about the long term implications of scientific enquiry and how investigation can be contained.

In the back of my mind, however, the date August the sixth rumbles around. August the sixth is the date of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and it is also the date of the Feast of the Transfiguration. The two events seem poles apart, the destruction of two cities and their inhabitants and a moment of recognition of who this person Jesus is, two events defined by light. A light which leads to hope and a light which leads to destruction. Perhaps in our Christian journey there should always be an awareness that there is the potential for both good or bad in every experience. As Christians we are called to discern the movement of God within our lives, St Ignatius of Loyola believed that our thoughts and actions need to be carefully noted, always asking whether our actions, or the actions of others, draw us closer to God or drive us farther away. In many ways it is a complex matter but consider these words ... "the good spirit usually brings love, joy, peace, and the like; the evil spirit characteristically brings confusion, doubt, disgust and the like. Another pattern: when you are leading a seriously sinful life, a good spirit will visit you with desolation to turn you around; an evil spirit will keep you content so that you will keep sinning. Another clear pattern is the opposite of this: when you are seriously serving God, the spirits change roles. The evil spirit clouds your day with desolation to lead you away from God, while the good spirit fills your day with trust and love of God. And a final, easily grasped pattern: a spirit that works in light and openness is good, while a spirit cloaked

in secrecy and deception is evil" (Tetlow J. A., 2008. *Making Choices in Christ*. Chicago: Loyola Press).

So questions remain...questions about the direction of science and its power, about the ethics of power and government, about human relationships and, of course, the place of God in all of this.

Social Report

July began with Music for a Summer evening. Thank you to Ian Lovegrove our church organist for asking his friends, his fellow peripatetic music specialists based in Aberdeen and two very special S5's to play a wonderful concert in the church on Saturday 1st July. Their music was very well received and the retiring collection for our outreach projects was very well supported. A huge thank you to Ian, for organising the concert and Paula, Peter and Anne for the publicity, setting up and providing the audience with coffee or tea at the interval.

Then eight days later Ian played the organ to the congregations of St Ternan's and St James' following the Sunday morning service. As Mary said to Ian as he finished "You can play". Thank you so much Ian for your beautiful music.

Following Ian's concert we (St.Ternan's and St James') sat down to a bring and share lunch. A huge thank you to Paula, Anne, Jane and Mary for organising the hall and waiting on everyone at the delicious lunch we all enjoyed, and to Mary and Mike for the wine and sharing the 15th anniversary of Mary becoming a deacon. Thank you to everyone from both churches who contributed to the lunch.

The next fundraising evening is a quiz night on Friday, 1st September.

Val

Inspire Garden Project (continued)

The next community involvement was with the Men's Shed who made two raised veg beds. One of the Inspire group is in a wheelchair which fits under the bed.



Two of our Ukrainian drop in group, who enjoy gardening, offered to tend the borders behind the plot.

We were awarded a grant from the diocese, with this we purchased a garden shed and some tools. Thank you to Ewan and Irene for the slabs we used for the base.

Anne

**CHOOSE ALL THE HYMNS FOR A SUNDAY (and even
the tunes!!!)
for only £5 per Sunday**

From the beginning of September until the end of the church year, 3 September - 26 November inclusive, you can choose all the hymns for a Sunday for the cost of £5. There may be a couple of '3 hymn Sundays', if that is the case then the cost will be only £3 (what a bargain). Funds raised will go to support the charity Luthiers Sans Frontières (UK). **LSF UK** is a charity that was set up in 2005 as an associate body to LSF Belgium, an international organization that provides training and expertise in the repair and maintenance of the violin family in areas where no local services are available. It is clear that many talented musical children lack properly maintained instruments and bows and we recognize that music has an important role in fostering social development and in improving the life-chances of young people; especially in countries where there is political or economic difficulty. Have a look at their website for more information.

On most Sundays we have 5 hymns - **1** Processional (may introduce the theme of the day) **2** Gradual (the hymn before the Gospel) **3** Offertory **4** Communion (this tends to be a bit

quieter 5 Recessional (uplifting).

Although this may seem a bit daunting, you will see in the back of the hymnal there are lists of hymns which correspond with the readings and the Sundays. However, they are only a guide and there are many hymns not in our hymn book you may wish to include. The sky is the limit! And, of course, you can always ask if you get stuck.

Music-wise if you have a particular tune that is a favourite for a hymn, do ask as there are many tunes which fit words and I am sure we can find it!

At the back of church there is a blue shiny folder, simply choose a Sunday and take from the folder the dated sheet, which includes details of the readings for a particular Sunday, make your choices, and return your sheet to either Anne or Mary with your payment.

If this all seems a bit daunting, why not join forces with a friend!

HAVE FUN!!!

St James in 1983

The World: **Feb:** Tennessee Williams died. Thousands died in massacre in Assam. **Mar:** Pope John Paul II visited Central America. Labour leader Bob Hawke won Australian election. UK composer William Walton died. OPEC forced to cut oil prices. **April:** Chicago has first black mayor. **May:** US made AIDS top health priority. **June:** Tory Party led by Margaret Thatcher re-elected. **July:** David Niven died. Spanish film director Luis Bunuel died. **Sept:** Soviets shot down S Korean airliner. **Oct:** Neil Kinnock elected leader of Labour Party. **Nov:** first Cruise missile arrived in UK. £2.6 million in gold

stolen from Heathrow. **Dec:** IRA bomb killed 5 in Harrods. Throughout the year anarchy reigned in Beirut. Intercommunal violence Sri Lanka .

Klaus Barbie (former Nazi officer) was arrested in Bolivia. Dennis Nilsen was arrested in February and admitted killing 15 men over 4 years in Muswell Hill. He was sentenced to 25 years.

Also Umberto Eco's novel '*The Name of the Rose*'. The Pioneer 10 space probe passed Neptune and left the Solar System. The one pound coin entered circulation.

Stonehaven

18th January: The AGM was held on 18th January. 36 members of the congregation were present. The Rector reported on many changes in the Church organization but very little growth. Even the number of visitors recording their names had declined. With the retirement of Mr Bonney, Mr Clapp had had the opportunity to re-organise choir and music. The accounts showed that financially the church was surviving but giving must meet the effects of inflation. Capt Christie would act as Lay Representative, Mr E Harper continued as Church Warden and Mr C Grant as People's Warden. Miss D Guild was elected and Mrs Sharp, Mr P Oliver and Mr Steel were also elected.

It was pointed out that the date of the AGM was irregular compared to the rest of the Diocese and must be brought in line - the AGM must be held within 3 months of 30th September. Formal ratification of Mr Steel's proposal will be required in 3 months' time. Mrs Steel proposed that the AGM be held on a Sunday and no objection was made. There was a proposal for new choir garments, and an appeal

from the new choirmaster for support.

24th March: It was announced that the church was a beneficiary of the late Mr Stephens' will. The Treasurer reported that the moveable objects had been reappraised at £1000 and the church will require some adjustment to its insurance. The diocesan quota and central funds had come under dispute and the vestry felt a letter was required explaining how St James supported the proposal of budgets being made earlier. However, he felt that as the quota had been accepted for 1983 no quotas should be withheld.

The secretary, having received advice from the diocesan architect, would put in hand the repair of the church roof.

Mr J Emslie recommended that the kindergarten be allowed to continue for the next academic year. This was agreed. An informal request for the Roman Catholic church to use St James because of size caused no problems.

12th July: The Rector had received and answered a questionnaire from the Central Publications Committee to gauge demand for a reprint of the 1929 Scottish Prayer Book. Pew editions for the last printing cost £4.50 and it was agreed that new prayer books were needed for Matins and that the Shorter Prayer Book (£1.80) would meet this need.

The secretary had received a letter from the Ladies' Fellowship expressing concern about the cleaning and upkeep of the hall and church. It was decided that Miss Dawn Guild be appointed Hall Caretaker with full responsibility including taking bookings and seeing to repairs and to receive an honorarium not in excess of her permitted earnings. The Rector would put an advert in the Mearns Leader for a cleaner

one morning per week and to interview any applicants. If this fails, one suggestion was for an occasional 'spring clean' calling on volunteers from the congregation.

A bookcase had been given in memory of Mrs May Reid from her daughter Mrs Anderson, and wine and water cruets for use at weekday communion in memory of the Rector's mother from her friends in Pulborough. The Rector stated that as his own memorial to his mother he proposed to take advice about planting new trees in the church garden.

The treasurer reported that there would be a considerable shortfall this year. What was needed was an increase in regular income to meet obligatory expenditure (stipend, NI, travel, diocesan assessment). To use funds from special efforts or from reserves to meet these is asking for trouble. It was resolved that to meet temporary cash flow problems the treasurer be authorized to apply for short-term overdraft facilities. To provide a more regular income any future investments should be placed in funds that pay interest monthly rather than half yearly. The treasurer would draft a letter to the congregation setting out the facts and asking members to reappraise their giving and consider covenanting.

The painting of the rectory exterior is now urgent. The Rector is to remind Mr Colin Christie. The church gutters need to be cleared. Mr Grant will contact Thompson's. The secretary is to be asked what progress has been made in finding someone to undertake slating and valley gutters. The hall door and keys need to be attended to before the kindergarten resumes.

Mr Steel reminded the vestry that it had previously decided to put a notice in the Mearns Leader each month for the first Sunday. He also asked what had happened to the survey by the Hydro-Electric Board. This has yet to take place but the

treasurer had checked that we were on the most favourable tariff. Miss Guild passed on a suggestion that the next Church sale be preceded by a circular to the congregation about 4 weeks before appealing for gifts and helpers.

The Rector mentioned that there would be a problem in the autumn staffing the junior Sunday school. It was thought it might help to have the children in church for part of the service. No names were suggested and it was thought an appeal from the pulpit might be needed.

22nd November: (This was not an very informative meeting-DJF). It was strongly suggested that the vestry meetings be held on a monthly basis and that the organist's fee should be raised by £3 per month.

AGM: (There is no date given in the minutes, but I assume it was held at the end of the year in accordance with previous statements – DJF)

48 members of the congregation attended. The Rector' address outlined the new General Synod's attempts at streamlining which have led to more committees and more expense. However, his secretarial duties had been reduced. Attempts to stimulate growth in the congregation have only achieved stability over the 9 years he has held office – this must reflect the mobility of the population in Stonehaven. Thanks were expressed to the Ladies' Fellowship and Mr Clapp's efforts to make the choir look and sound more beautiful. Also thanks to those lay people who have led services. It was noted that both hall and church now had permanent cleaners.

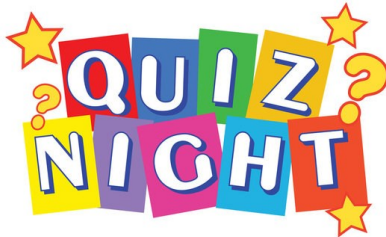
The Rector remarked that there had been a good response to a Sunday meeting and the next AGM would be a suitable Sunday next November or December.

Happy Birthday!

St Philip's Church, Catterline will be 175 years old. To celebrate this anniversary there will be a joint service with the Community Church at 10.30 am on the 17th September.

That day there will be a said service of Holy Communion at St James' at 9.00 am.

Mary



Friday 1st September 2023 7pm
St James Church Hall
Arbuthnot Street, Stonehaven
Teams of 4/6 – tickets £5 **per person**
(Includes tea, coffee & biscuits)
Prize for winning team and raffle!

Tickets available from:
Anne – 01569 765793
Paula – paula.hall5@btinternet.com
Jane – 01569 766577

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
6th August 9th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 32.22-31 Ps 17.1-7,16 Ro 9.1-5 Mt 14.13-21
13th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 37.1-4,12-28 Ps 105.1-6,16-22,(45b) Ro 10.5-15 Mt 14.22-33
20th August 11th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 45.1-15 Ps 133 Ro 11.1-2a,29-32 Mt 15.(10-20)21-28
27th August 13th Sunday in Trinity	Ex 1.8-2.10 Ps 124 Ro 12.1-8 Mt 16.13-20
3rd September 14th Sunday in Trinity	Ex 3.1-15 Ps 105.1-6,23-26, (45b) Ro 12.9-21 Mt 16.21-28

Year A – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Coffee
Richard Clark	Edward Dickens	Peter Sharp
Irene Paterson	Irene Paterson	Diane Fleming
Diana Peters	Diana Peters	Irene Paterson
Paula Fogiel	Peter Fogiel	Val Cadd
Jane Cook	Edward Dickens	Richard Clark

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline

Priest in Charge: Rev. Mary Jepp
Vestry Secretary: Anne O'Gorman
Phone: 01569 762917 (for pastoral matters)
01569 764473 (for other enquiries)

GROUP CONVENORS

Property	Paula Fogiel
Communication	Peter Sharp
Music	David Fleming
Social	Val Cadd
Lay Reader emeritus	Arma Iles
Weekly Pew Sheet	Diana Peters
Hall Management	Paula Fogiel
Protection of Vulnerable Groups Officer	Irene Paterson
Vestry	Rev Mary Jepp

The copy deadline for the June Newsletter is Sunday 27th August 2023

Reminders will not be sent out.

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